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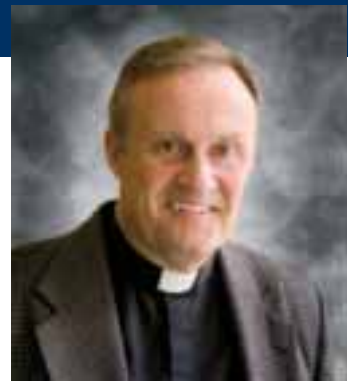
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Dear Alumni and Friends:

The *Blue Banner* provides St. Michael's College School with an opportunity to keep you up to date with what is happening with the school and with news about the members of our St. Mike's community.

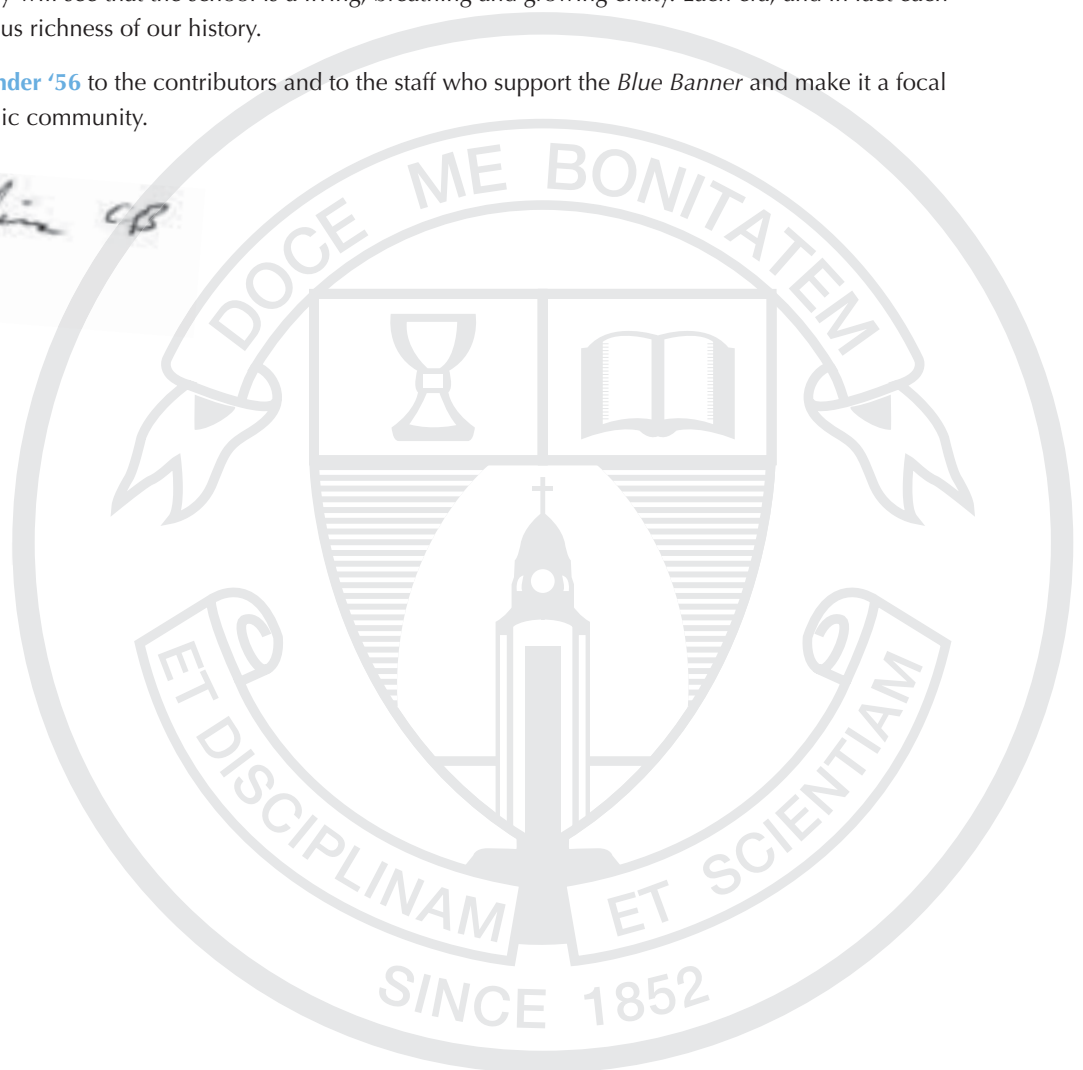
We don't often think about it, but sharing and receiving this kind of information really is part of our calling as Christians and Catholics. When we show interest in one another and concern for each other we are living Jesus' exhortation that we love one another.

We are also building an inter-generational community that transcends each individual's experience of St. Michael's College School. I often hear from current students how interesting they find talking to alum from different eras is because they get a broader picture of the history of the school. I hope that this works the other way as well; that as alumni hear about the school today they will see that the school is a living, breathing and growing entity. Each era, and in fact each year, adds to the tremendous richness of our history.

We are grateful to [Joe Younder '56](#) to the contributors and to the staff who support the *Blue Banner* and make it a focal point of our vibrant Catholic community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B.
President & CEO





“...lasting fame isn’t measured by what you take in on your brief ride to the top, but by what you give back...”

Since the last issue of the *Blue Banner* was rather late in arriving, I have been given strict deadlines by my co-editor [Michael De Pellegrin '94](#) to hasten the next edition in time for Homecoming, September 27 and the Turkey Roll, Friday November 28. Such are the pressures of top management to which I am hurriedly complying. Not only in this neglect have I tampered with duty, but I have often been chided for reading papers that have long lost their news worthiness. I have though, garnered a few ideas from such a delay. This time, I feel it was worth it. The quote comes from an article describing the loyalty of Hollywood stars of the past and their continued involvement with fans in the present. Our lead editorial concerns [Jack McMaster '57](#) and those fellow classmates and friends, those *remarkable models of friendship and giving* who have contributed their time, personal assistance and financial support to purchase a van for Jack’s special needs.

It is with this in mind that the more I become involved with editorship, the more I am convinced, as I have often alluded to in these pages, that we do have a magnanimous alumni whose societal contributions to those in need, have been many and varied. Moreover, for some time now, I have wondered in what direction the *Blue Banner* would and should take. The options are many. In reality, the magazine has taken its direction from you, the school’s graduates and friends. And there’s nothing wrong with that!

So, it is with a sense of pride and gratitude that we present articles crossing the spectrum of authorship, scholarship, historical remembrance, and athletic accomplishments, and at the same time welcoming new members to our growing list of thankful, generous and forever faithful community minded individuals.

Our graduates and friends are indeed Olympians, a star-studded cast of players doing their thing, filling the gaps of their environment by giving back what I hope they have and are continuing to receive as membership in the St. Michael’s community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Younder".

Joe Younder '56
Editor, *Blue Banner*

Letters to the Editor

Just received Spring/Summer issue of the Blue Banner. It's the best one yet. I especially enjoyed the story of Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. '42. Your editorial anchored all the stories very well.

Peter Murphy '56

Hey Joe,

*I just read the latest edition and again you have done a great job on the Blue Banner. I am wondering how they were able to touch up the photo of you. One good thing though, other than your editorial picture, there are no pictures of you or Dan Prendergast. Things are getting better. You sure didn't look that good at the recent luncheon for **Jack McMaster '57**. Too bad more alumni could not have seen the marvelous gathering in Jack's honour. Talk about team spirit! What a fine tribute to **Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48**. He was a wonderful man and a great teacher. It seems to me, as I think back to the mid-fifties, that he always had that smile on his face, even the day he threw me out of his class for one of my silly pranks. The article on **Bev McCue '57** was certainly deserving of his great work. **Ted Schmidt's '57** article on **Pat Hannigan '57** brought back memories of the first time Pat brought his son to one of our annual get-togethers at Balmy Beach. Pat was beaming with pride and it was obvious his son was impressed with the camaraderie that existed amongst this group of St. Mike's guys from the various years. Well, my friend, it is getting late. I am celebrating my 68th birthday today. My fingers are getting tired from all this typing; my eyes are getting bleary and my hips and knees ache from sitting here. Talk later.*

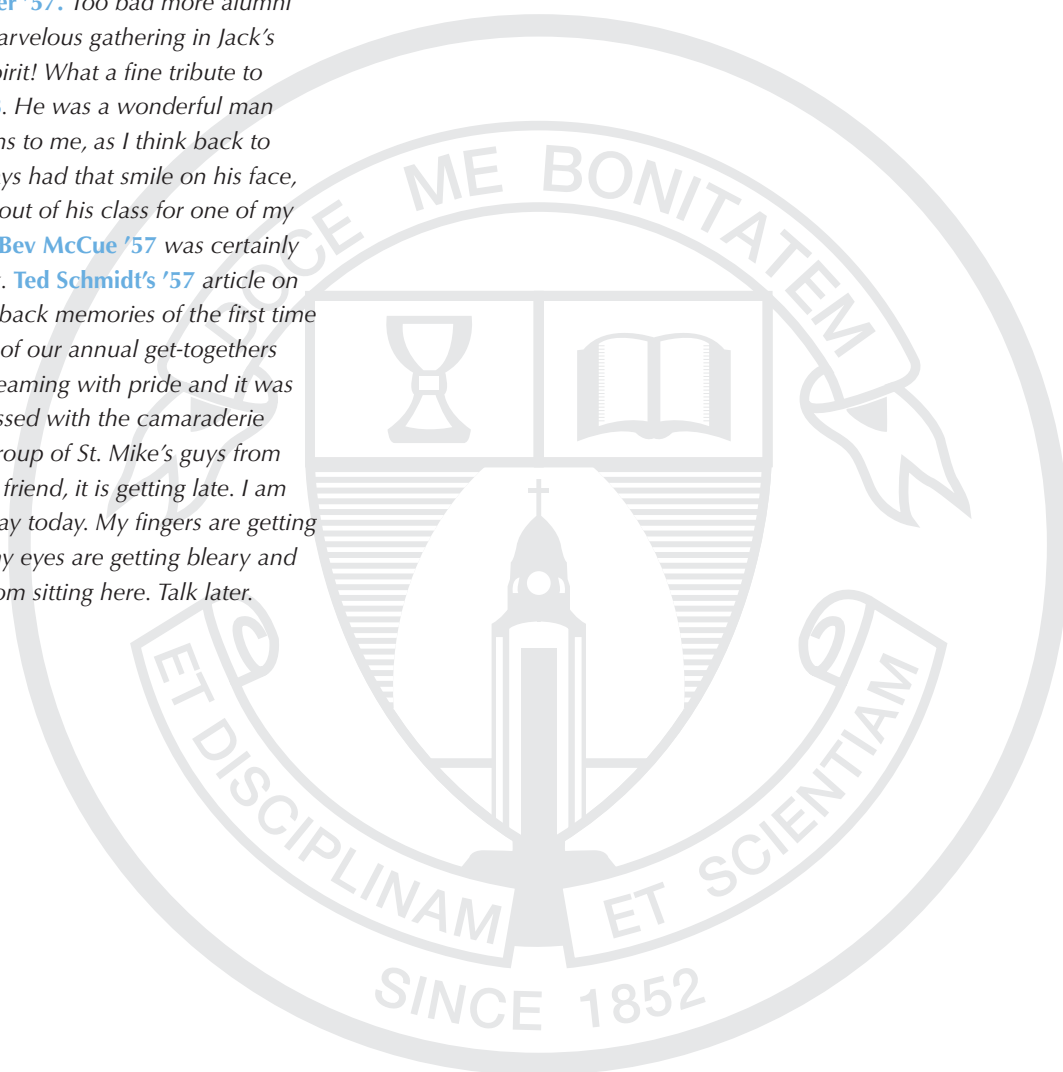
John McCusker '57

Dear Editor,

I just read the latest Blue Banner. You and your editorial staff continue to impress me. On another note, thank you for the school tour. After I left, I felt a wave of emotions flooding over me from when I first entered your grade nine homeroom class as a shy and unsure kid four decades ago. This was a second opportunity for you to showcase such a wonderful school St. Mike's has become. I am now in touch with the Ottawa Chapter.

Glenn Wright '67

(retired archivist/historian, Library and Archives Canada, RCMP and National Defence).





From Your Alumni President

Well here we are at the start of another school year. It's funny that ever since I began my tenure as alumni president my year revolves around the school year and not the calendar year. As I start my third year as your alumni president I can't help but reflect on the changes and accomplishments of the school, the alumni association, and the student body. I also can't help thinking about our future as alumni.

This year we broke ground on the new performance arts centre. The learning centre has been established. The new Holy Name of Mary College School for Girls opened its doors.

As you are aware the mandate for the Alumni Association is to keep you connected to life inside the "yellow bricks" and to build networks and forge lifelong relationships among former students while supporting the school through various means. But more than this, the Alumni Association works to support the Basilian Fathers' mission of educating young men in the Catholic tradition. It is important for us to preserve the Basilian Fathers' tradition. But how can we help to do this? Get involved! Come out to the alumni events. There are a number of events you can participate in throughout the year. From the Homecoming Weekend in September to the hugely successful Turkey Roll in November where over 900 alumni enjoy a great evening of food, fun, and games, to the first year alumni Christmas Dinner, to the golf tournament, and 10-year alumni summer BBQ.

More importantly, spread the word. We need your help. Call up your old classmates and make a point to come out to an event. Contribute to the bursary programs. There are a number of bursaries that one could support such as the Fr. Rocco Volpe bursary, the Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. bursary, etc. You can call the school for more detail.

As stated in earlier articles there are some exciting initiatives underway that we believe will enrich the SMC "Old Boys" experience. The plan to develop an on-line community specifically for alumni is underway. Plans are also underway to transform the old Industrial Arts Room next to the arena into the new "Old Boys Room." In addition, a new St. Michael's archives has been established on the second floor of the arena building to house and display memorabilia of St. Mike's rich history.

The school has also launched the Building on Strong Foundations Capital Campaign. The campaign has three distinct areas of focus: to build a Performing Arts Centre, to establish a Learning Centre, and to raise bursary monies to be able to afford deserving and capable young men from across the city the opportunity to attend St. Mike's.

We need young alumni (10-year men) to volunteer for the Mentorship Program to give guidance to students for University programs and career paths. Go to the school's website for more information on this worthwhile endeavour.

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the school's Office of Advancement, Director of Communications, Joe Younder, Dan Prendergast and Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B. This outstanding group of individuals is the reason why the St. Michael's Alumni Association is the best in the country.

Go to the school's website for school and alumni information or you may email me directly at rmilano@safetechenv.com.

Wherever you are, wherever you go, you will always be a St. Michael's man.

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Romeo Milano".

Romeo Milano '80
President, SMCS Alumni Association



Jack and his faithful companion, Mogli

"...at St. Michael's we look after our own," words spoken by **Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48** ring true when the name **Jack McMaster '57** comes to mind. Initiated by **Gene Ubriaco '58** and spearheaded by **Bob McKnight '56** and **Tom Micallef '57**, former St. Michael's Majors players, a campaign was launched last October to raise funds for a van for Jack. What follows is the process of that endeavour and the involvement of the school community and friends of Jack.

Remarkable Friendship

Jack, a former St. Michael's student who played for the Buzzers and Majors from 1955-57, suffered a career-ending broken neck in 1958 while playing for the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen. Through sheer will power and unbelievable determination, he regained some of his mobility for a number of years. However, the combination of the initial injury, a subsequent car accident and the aging process has confined Jack to a wheel-chair the last few years. He has depended solely on others to drive him, along with the assistance of very able-bodied people to help him in and out of a car. Charlie Bray, a former Argo lineman has been very helpful, but even Charlie is finding it difficult these days.

In a conversation with Gene Ubriaco, Jack mentioned that he had been asked to be spokesman for special needs service dogs but was unable to accept because of his lack of mobility. Gene called Tom Micallef with the idea of purchasing a van with a lift for a wheel-chair that would allow Jack to enter the vehicle with very little help. Former hockey team mates and friends were approached and the response was so positive that Bob and Tom made arrangements with a most cooperative



Jack and his new van

supporter, Barry Winfield, from the Canadian Paralympic Foundation to administer the funds. Special recognition must also be given to the Ontario March of Dimes organization which made the maximum contribution allowed by their organization.

Recently, a luncheon was held at East Side Mario's in Mississauga, to officially present Jack with his new van. Many friends and supporters were in attendance. It was a very joyous and rewarding celebration to give recognition and praise to a man who has influenced the lives of so many over the years. Of the few speeches made that day, Gene Ubriaco's comments are worth mentioning. He told of the long association of many with Jack and related some crazy stories of his past antics, some not printable. However, said Gene,

"What struck us the most was the fact that, although Jack was incapacitated for so many years, he gave strength and hope to us who were seemingly more mobile. We have all become better people because of Jack." Finally, **Murray Costello '53** summed it up in a note of appreciation: "Over these many years we've all doubted from time to time whether the ties that bind, the common thread of the sports tradition at St. Mike's, along with the broader hockey family that it introduced so many of us into, really worked! And now and then something like this comes along to remove completely all such doubts." It was Jack who said it all. "What an amazing gift of friendship. Who would have thought that I would share this moment with people who have been with me from the beginning. I'm so lucky to have friends like these. They have given new meaning to the words, love and friendship. Thank you."



"...remarkable models..."

Hockey players and friends participating include: Bill Alexander, **Lou Angotti '57**, Joe Badali, Blue and White Hockey Alumni (Mike Pelyk), **Steve Bochen '55**, Jim Brooks, Pat Casey, Tony Centa, **Luc Charest '57**, **Bob Clancy '51**, **Angelo Comi '55**, Pete Conacher, **Jack Costello '58**, **Murray Costello '53**, **Gene Cuccia '52**, **Mike Curran '54**, **Terry Devine '57**, **Mike Draper '57**, **Jack Dockeray '53**, Albert Dukacz, Jack Durkin, **Dick Duff '55**, **Les Duff '54**, **Jae Egan '56**, **Paul Egan '57**, **Dan Farrell '55**, **Harry Flood '57**, **Norm Foster '56**, **John Gariepy '57**, **Jim Gregory '55**, **Al Hinnegan '57**, **Bob Keegan '57**, **Dave Keon '60**, Kirkland Lake Hockey Oldtimers, **Les Kozak '60**, Wayne Macalpine, **Stan MacLellan '55**, **Frank Mahovlich '57**, **Cesare Maniago '59**, Michael Marshman, **Jack Martin '58**, Joe Mavrinac, **Leo McArthur '56**, Ray McCann, **John McCuster '57**, Hugh McDougall, **Murray McGee '58**, **Ross McGroarty '57**, **Bob McKnight '56**, Leslie McKnight, **Fred Merlocco '67**, **Frank Micallef '58**, Tim Micallef, **Tom Micallef '57**, **Howie Moran '54**, John Murnaghan, Johnny McNammara, **Noel Price '55**, **Gerry Odrowski '57**, Ontario March of Dimes, Malcolm Orme, **Bob Pallante '59**, **Frank Quinn '57**, Paula Rusak, **Len Sanci '56**, Lucio Sandrin, Lou Sapi, **Bob Savage '57**, **Frank Sullivan '56**, **Kerry Turner '57**, Francine Ubriaco, Nella Ubriaco, **Gene Ubriaco '58**, **Bob Watt '55**, **John Yocum '60**, **Joe Younder '56**, **Pat Young '55**.

Models of & Giving

The organizers wish to thank all those who have so generously contributed financially and through their prayers and good wishes. Bob and Tom relate that they had "no idea when the project started, what the response would be. We have surpassed all expectations. It started with the "hockey guys" then moved to St. Mike's alumni and eventually to some old friends of Jack's from Kirkland Lake. The article in the school *Vision Newsletter* and the contributions from the Ontario March of Dimes pushed it over the top. A special thanks to **Len Sanci '56** (Oakland Ford Lincoln). There's no doubt about it, St. Michael's grads and friends are there when called upon. They are truly remarkable models of friendship and giving."



"...friendship and giving..."

Distinguished Scholar – A Champion of Academic Excellence



Dr. Robert Birgeneau '59

Dr. Robert Birgeneau '59, former President of the University of Toronto and now Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley was recently honoured with the Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award recognizing his “uncompromising commitment

to academic excellence and bold visionary leadership.” Birgeneau, an internationally distinguished physicist, is well known for his commitment to student and faculty diversity and equity in the academic community. Starting with a landmark study he commissioned when Dean of Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he has been a nationally prominent advocate for improving opportunities for women faculty in the sciences. At University of California, Berkeley, he has introduced important initiatives that focus on international challenges such as global poverty, climate change, and multi-cultural societies and has built strong links with the surrounding community. Birgeneau has emerged as a leading spokesman for public higher education and the importance of ensuring America’s young people have access to the best education available. He is a champion for maintaining affordability — particularly to families of limited means — noting that public universities, which educate the majority of the nation’s undergraduates, lack the substantial endowments and other financial resources available to private institutions. In a related effort, Chancellor Birgeneau has advocated on behalf of undocumented students who have completed secondary education in U.S. schools, but are barred from receiving the financial aid necessary to continue their education. In a testament to his efforts to equip public universities to compete effectively with private institutions, the university received the largest grant in its history: the \$110 Million Hewlett Foundation Challenge, designed to ensure the development and retention of top-level faculty by endowing eighty chairs and twenty “distinguished” chairs spanning multiple academic areas. In addition,

Chancellor Birgeneau has helped to develop and expand several strategic programs aimed at students from challenging backgrounds, including the incentive awards program, which provides a full scholarship and support services to low-income students who have demonstrated leadership potential and academic excellence. Other initiatives Chancellor Birgeneau has spearheaded include Cal Prep, a new charter school collaborative between the Berkeley campus and aspire public schools, designed to immerse students in a culture of high academic expectations, improve their preparation for college and develop a model teaching curricula for college readiness.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York was founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote “the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.”



Dr. Robert Birgeneau '59

Performing Arts Centre Update

Building On Strong Foundations

St. Michael's College School has begun construction of a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre to support drama and theatre arts and provide a venue for the school's music concerts, public speaking and debate programs as well as lectures and conferences. In addition it will incorporate display space for the school's visual arts program in the Muzzo Family Gallery.



Demolition of the Basilian residence began in June 2008 and was completed by mid-August. Excavation of the site followed and the caissons should be in place by the end of September. The project remains on target for completion by the Spring of 2010.

The construction is expected to cost about \$8 Million dollars which includes the cost of theatre equipment, furnishings and motorized rigging. The project will be funded entirely through the generous donations of individuals and corporations who support St. Michael's mission.



To date, the St. Michael's community has generously stepped forward with gifts totaling over \$2.6 Million with pending gifts of \$1.9 Million on the way. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important initiative.

Theatre seating is available for purchase at a cost of \$2,500 per seat. Currently there are 200 of the 442 available for purchase.

School Parking While Under Construction

Parking is now designated with visitors parking located in front of the arena. The new traffic flow will have the south driveway as the main roadway onto the campus. The north lot is closed. The entrance off of St. Clair Ave. is north bound only. Tichester entrance is now only an exit; there is no admittance to the school through this street.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Capital Campaign can contact Kimberley Bailey to set up a meeting with Fr. Redican, C.S.B. Donations are still being accepted and there are several naming opportunities still available.



Building On Strong Foundations

Capital Campaign Donors as of
August 21st, 2008 are as follows:

(\$250,000+)

The Muzzo ('90) Family
The Odorico ('78) Family
Reg & Steve Quinn

(\$25,000 to \$249,999)

Stephen & Kimberley Bailey
Al Brandstatter '79
Max Ciccolini / Masters Insurance
Sam Ciccolini / Cristina Ciccolini Fund
Sonia & Carlo ('66) De Pellegrin
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Nick ('76) & Nadia Di Donato /
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Paul ('66), Kathleen, Christopher ('97),
Andrew & Matthew ('03) Downs
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Concetta Guglietti Family Foundation
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W. F. Morneau Sr. '59
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John P. O'Neill '86
Dianne Platt Levine & Norman Levine
James T. Roddy '62
The Marc Santi Foundation
Robert ('73) & Lori Sullivan
The Torchetti Family
Brian ('72) & Doretta Wilson
Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School
Garry Zentil
Peter E. Sweeney '82

(\$5,000 to \$24,999)

Dick Duff '55
Sam Barbuzzi '77
Dr. Tony Barozzino '83
Frank ('87) & Rosella Canonaco
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Andrew Tatarsky '78
Dr. Taras Babiak ('69) & Catherine Carmichael
James & Po Yip
Bruno & Anne Marie Burlon
Mirella & Vito ('81) Valela
SMCS Parents Association 2007-2008
The Monardo Family
Shawn ('80) & Sharon Meehan

(\$4,999 and Under)

Randy Grimes '65
Samuel Kaknevicius (Kanes) '70
The Mathieson Family
Anonymous
John & Angela Turco
Paul A. Thomson '65
Edward M. Bridge '59
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Kathleen L. Wronski
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Bowes '59, Andre '62
The Breech Family
Paul Kromer / Kromer Radio Ltd

Bequests

Leadership Level
Dr. John K. Wilson '43

Business Directory

In the summer of 2008, St. Michael's published and sent to all alumni the first edition of the Alumni Business Directory.

We will begin collecting listings and display advertisement for the second edition: the deadline for submissions is December 4, 2009.

If you would like to participate in the second edition of the Alumni Business Directory (either by complimentary or by display advertisement), please visit www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com to fill out the appropriate form(s).

If we do not receive a re-submission or a request for removal, your company information will be republished in the second edition as is (complimentary listings only).

The display advertisement rates are as follows:

Type	Size (H x W)	Cost
Full-Page	7.5" x 4"	\$1,000.00
Inside Front or Back Covers	7.5" x 4"	\$1,200.00
Half-Page	4" x 4"	\$ 500.00
One Third-Page	2.5" x 4"	\$ 250.00

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Alumni News

Executive Elections Update

It is that time again — Alumni Executive elections! In mid August, all alumni received a letter explaining the voting process. This year there are eight positions of two-year terms to be filled. They include: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and five Councillors. The new term will begin November 1, 2008.

The nomination process took place throughout the month of September and the Alumni Affairs Officer contacted the nominees to confirm acceptance of their nomination.

The Alumni Executive has encouraged all alumni to take part in the voting process from October 6-24, 2008 on the school's website: www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com. To register your vote, you will be required to use your last name as the login and your constituent ID as your password (this ID was included in the letter sent in August). Once logged in, you will find a list of candidate names.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Gough at 416-653-3180 ext. 273 or gough@smcsmail.com.

Alumni News

Reunions

For any class interested in organizing a reunion, please contact Stephanie Gough at 416-653-3180 ext. 273 or gough@smcsmail.com for assistance or suggestions. Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or just want to get together, please let us know.

Turkey Roll

The Annual Turkey Roll & Reunion will be held on Friday, November 28, 2008 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Mass will be held in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. Alumni of all ages are welcomed back to St. Michael's College School to enjoy an evening of charity casino games, complimentary food and beverages, and a chance to reconnect with old friends.

We will be honouring the classes of 1959 (50 years), 1984 (25 years), 1999 (10 years), with a special presentation and an opportunity to have their class picture retaken. For any members of the classes celebrating their milestone anniversary who would like to be a class rep for your year, please contact Stephanie Gough at 416-653-3180 ext. 273 or gough@smcsmail.com.

Class of 2008 Christmas Reunion

The Class of 2008 Christmas Dinner and Reunion will take place Thursday, December 18, 2008 in the St. Michael's College School cafeteria.

The evening will give the Alumni Association an opportunity to formally welcome you.

More information will be available in November.

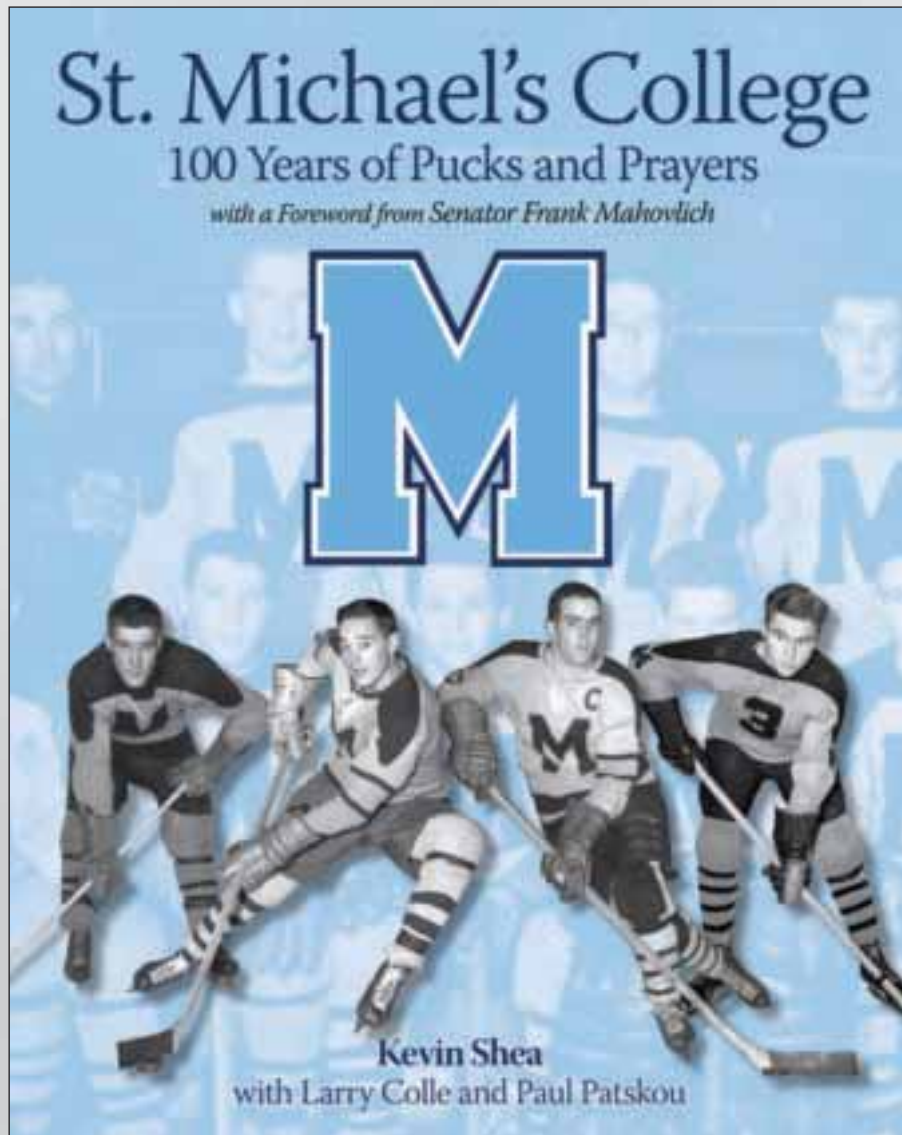
LOST ALUMNI!



We need your help! Please take a moment to help us with our missing alumni list. Visit the Alumni Affairs section of the school website – www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com to view a list of graduates we have lost touch with. Alumni who are able to reconnect us with five or more missing alumni will receive a thank you gift for their efforts.

Please contact Gina Cramarossa at cramarossa@smcsmail.com or 416-653-3180 ext. 458.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF TRADITION



This comprehensive history of hockey at St. Michael's College School will take readers through 100 years of extraordinary memories: triumphs, tears, perspiration, and the inspiration behind one of the most exciting hockey programs in the world. This book weaves into the narrative the personal recollections of some of the greatest players ever to pull on the Double Blue: Tim Horton, Tim Brent, Arnie Brown, Ed Chadwick and many more.

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“...If a nation’s literature declines, the nation atrophies and decays...”

ABC of Reading – Ezra Pound

In the Volume 1– Fall 2006 issue of the Blue Banner, we introduced you to some talented alumni who, through vocation or avocation, have taken the pen or computer in hand and turned out some creatively amazing material. We present some of their recent offerings. We welcome your contribution to the printed word.

Paul Harris '46 is a former journalist and has written extensively on the subject of contemplative prayer and Christian meditation. He is the editor/author of a number



Ken Hills '56

Ken Hills '56 is a founding member and President of the Independent Authors and Illustrators of Canada, originating in Guelph, Ontario. Ken has written several books including three children’s stories: *Pizza Pete* is about a pigeon too fat to fly until he is befriended by Ken’s grandchildren and nursed

back to flying shape. *Billy Bluejay* is a story about the backyard bully who is put in his place with a simple strategy. *Millie Mockingbird* illustrates what happens when she loses her voice because she spends too much time imitating others. *Bridges*, a book of short stories and

Literary Landscapes:

of books: *Christian Meditation by Those who Practice It*, *The Fire of Silence and Stillness*, *Frequently Asked Questions about Christian Meditation*, *The Heart of Silence*, *The Fire of Silence and Stillness: An Anthology of Quotations for the Spiritual Journey* and *John Main: a Biography in Text and Photos*. Paul is a former director (1988-89) of the Christian Meditation Centre, London England, and, after retirement worked for the Canadian government sharing Benedictine Dom John Main’s teaching on contemplative prayer. He is also a former director of the Catholic Information Centre in Toronto. Moreover, Paul worked in Toronto as a reporter for the *Globe and Mail* and retired in 1988. Being 80 years young, he is still writing, travelling, giving retreats seeing fellow grads, **Dan McCarthy '46**, **Sam O’Hara '46**, **Bill Broadhurst '46**, and **Jim Keenan '46**.

Barry Callaghan '56. Since the last *Blue Banner* report, fall, 2006, Barry has written *Between Trains*, and a soon to be published novel, *Weep No More My Angel*. In May, 2008, he gave a talk at the Institute of Theatre Art in Prague, followed by a series of lectures at the University of Venice during Canada Week. July saw him in Rome at the Literary Festival Mediterranea where he did poetry readings from his *Hogg Poems and Drawings*. In December he will return to Rome to celebrate his memoir, *Barrelhouse Kings*, to be published in Italian.

poetry explores many aspects of the human condition. *Sherwood Park* is a story about two brothers, their adventures and misadventures and a crisis that changes their lives forever. *Sherwood Park* is still there, off Mt. Pleasant Road and Sherwood Avenue in Toronto. Ken has a new adult novel coming out this fall. *Requiem for Black Shoes* is a story of murder and violation. Ken is also a freelance journalist who writes a regular column for *The Guelph Mercury*. For more information and samples of Ken’s work, visit his website at www.kenhills.ca.

Ted Schmidt '57 needs no introduction to the literary field. His most recent offering is *Journeys to the Heart of Catholicism*, a series of essays germane to the health of the Church.

Larry Colle '69 has informed us his book, *St. Michael’s College: 100 Years of Pucks and Prayers* will be launched at Homecoming on September 27th. Its over 300 pages are filled with pictures, play lists, anecdotes, and interviews along with a section for autographs.

Edward Olkovich '70 a Toronto lawyer has written *Estate to the Heart* (how to plan estates and wills for your loved ones) *Estate Planning in Six Simple Steps* and *The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Estate Planning*. Ed provides legal advice on executor’s duties, wills and estate planning.

Michael Callaghan '83 has continued a long family tradition by becoming the third generation to be involved in writing and the arts when nearly two decades ago, he professionally entered a literary world that both father **Barry '56** and grandfather Morley enjoyed throughout their lives. In the early 1990's, shortly after graduating with a double major from York University in Fine Arts and Philosophy, Michael began designing books for the two family publishing houses, and has since designed for numerous other publishers. In 1998 he took over from Barry the roles of Publisher and President of *Excelsior Publishing*, which produces *Exile: The Literary Quarterly*, a journal featuring fiction, poetry, drama and art. In 2005 Michael and his wife, Gabriela Campos, began running *Exile Editions*, which has released over 375 titles since its inception (Barry started both houses in 1972 and 1976, respectively). The husband and wife team now

her home country of Mexico. They hope that Kellen Lucas Campos-Callaghan (born June 27, 2008) will one day discover for himself the joy and satisfaction found in a life that has at its centre a passion for creativity and the arts.

Matt Napier '00, since his time spent at St. Mike's, Matt Napier has always had a propensity for reading, writing and hockey. He played for the St. Michael's Buzzers during his time at the school. Since graduation, Matt has creatively combined these three loves by penning childrens' hockey books. While a student at University of Toronto's Trinity College, Matt wrote his first book, award-winning *Z is for Zamboni: A Hockey Alphabet*. Written in the very popular alphabet style, this book introduces the game of hockey to young fans. Matt's "breakaway" rhymes and "hard-checking" expository text team up with "top-shelf" illustrations by Melanie Rose.

Our Authors

coordinate the release of approximately 20 books each year from both houses, as well as organizing numerous readings for their authors. They support Canadian culture by introducing authors to International Writers Festivals across the country. Michael and Gabriela are also painters, exhibiting regularly in Toronto and throughout

Matt went on to write the complementary book, *Hat Tricks Count: A Hockey Number Book*. Young sport's fans see numbers everywhere — the scoreboard, the retired jerseys in the rafters, the numerology of sports stats — and *Hat Tricks Count: A Hockey Number Book* delivers them faster than an assist from the Great One, number 99 himself. The book will answer many of the fast paced questions kids have. What is a hat trick, anyway? Cross checking, high sticking, and hooking penalties add up to what? Who scored more career goals — Gordie Howe or Wayne Gretzky?

Matt graduated from the University of Windsor Faculty of Law in 2007 and was called to the bar in June 2008. His third book will be released this September. Teaming up with Toronto photographer, David Milne, they have created a visual book that challenges the deductive and sharp eyes of young readers. *Eye Spy with My Little Eye Hockey* contains dual look-alike photographs filled with hockey masks, sticks, pucks, even miniature ice rinks and trading cards. One of the scenes is slightly altered, and poetic clues help young hockey fans find the various differences between the photographs.

This September Matt will join the Toronto law firm Aird and Berlis.



Matt Napier '00

A Home of Our Own

It's always nice to come home; it's a place where Robert Frost said "you come to and they have to take you in." For many years now both the Archives and the Old Boys' Room have been moved from one area to another. Initially the school's history was housed in the Basilian residence under the military scrutiny of **Fr. Bill O'Brien, C.S.B. '40** and later Fr. Kennedy, C.S.B. took charge. It was recently moved to a room adjacent to the library in a new home under the watchful eye of our new Director of Archives, Richard McQuade. Now it has a permanent dwelling located on the second floor of the arena, occupying an area formerly used by the Majors. This move to larger quarters creates much needed room as new materials are being donated. Adding to this is the exciting news that a museum will be created adjacent to the archives. It will be an excellent vehicle for showcasing the many aspects of the rich tradition of St. Mike's and will give incoming students a greater appreciation for the legacy they inherit. We continue to request any article of clothing, plaque or memorabilia you would like to see on display. Contact Richard McQuade at 416-653-3180 ext.457 or mcquade@smcsmail.com.

In 1960 when the arena first opened it was thought imperative to construct a room where the Old Boys' Association could meet and carry on alumni affairs. Such a room was made available on the south east corner of the building partly overlooking the football field. With its walls adorned with grad pictures honouring all levels of sport and public involvement, it served as a meeting area for social functions and alumni affairs. A window overlooked the rink where many an alumnus could watch a game. There was a working fireplace in those early days and a refreshment area. Indeed, it was comfortable, safe and secure, a place to meet and relax. However, when the Majors were resurrected in 1997, their business office was moved into this area. Now, under the initiative of Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B. preliminary meetings have been held with **Romeo Milano '80**, President, **Dominic '78** and **Marc Montemurro '93**, **Josh Colle '92**, **Pietro Ferrari '84**, Project Design Consultant, and Bill Smith, SMCS Plant Manager.

The new room is off the rink. For those who remember, it was once the Industrial Arts Department (The Shop) under the direction of **Fr. X. Ronan, C.S.B. '41** and later Carl Geniole. The committee agreed that the room should be tastefully decorated, with a new entrance from the stairwell to the upper floor where, coincidentally, the room will now be connected to the archives. Alumni and school history will once again be celebrated on the walls. The combination of these two much needed and long awaited quarters, are a welcomed addition to a permanent place that all of us can be proud to call our home.

A correction to the last issue of the Blue Banner, "How Old is Our St. Michael?" Tweedsmuir House was located on the east side of Bathurst St., not the west side as stated.

Sacrifice at St. Mike's

By Tom O'Brien '57

While reflecting about learning at St. Mike's back in the 1950's, I am reminded about the sacrifices that Basilian Priests and seminarians endured. Now and again we would hear about the average age of the "last ten (of all) Basilians to die." We would hear numbers like 39 or 41 years. Sometimes it was mentioned that Basilians were working themselves into an early grave.



Fr. Joe Penny, C.S.B. '47

I remember often seeing my English teacher, **Fr. Joe Penny, C.S.B. '47**, looking painfully overworked as he stared with an ashen face at stacks of unmarked essays on his desk. I was a student of his over a three-year period from September of 1954 until June of 1957. More than once Fr. Joe would teach while trying to overcome a serious cold. He was gone for ten days once while suffering from pneumonia.



Fr. Gerry Gregoire, C.S.B. '42

Class sizes were enormous. Public school teacher organizations got lots of ink in the papers during those times as they lobbied for no more than twenty-eight students in any academic classroom. I was one of fifty-two students in a Grade 11 French class taught by **Fr. Gerry Gregoire, C.S.B. '42**.

Now and again we would hear about St. Mike's teachers not getting the number of spares that teachers received in other schools. That was illustrated by many fine lay teachers leaving St. Mike's for schools in the public or Catholic systems with easier teaching loads.

There were six St. Mike's hockey teams in the 1950's, four in the T.H.L., the Buzzers in the O.H.A. Jr. B, and the Majors in the O.H.A. Junior A. All were coached or managed by Basilian priest-teachers and each carried a full teaching load. Seldom was a coach absent from our classrooms after a home or away game. **Fr. Don Faught, C.S.B. '31**, managed the Majors for three years and accompanied the team to away games. The longest trip was to Windsor and that was before the 401 was built. It is difficult to visualize today just how long and tiring it was to take a six-hour journey through many small Ontario towns after a bruising hockey game on the outskirts of Detroit. One year Fr. Don taught without a designated lunch period because he taught a lunchtime Latin class "since no other teacher was available."

The boarders in St. Clare and Tweedsmuir houses were supervised by Basilians. Learning and adapting to teenage boys in a classroom is a given for any member of the teaching profession. To turn into a third parent for many young boys after the last class of the school day is indeed "a push."

Poverty, chastity, and obedience are their vows and sacrifice is their trademark.



The Coach 'P' Golf





Classic & Reunion



60 Years of SMC Basketball.

“We are each other’s harvest.”

By Ted Schmidt '57

*At the successful Coach 'P' Golf Classic tournament and reunion on June 16, 2008, **Ted Schmidt '57** was the guest speaker. The following is an excerpt from his address.*

Friedrich Nietzsche the brilliant German philosopher wrote that a “man’s maturity is to have regained the seriousness as a child at play.” Sport affords us the opportunity to play with a little seriousness. Let’s go back and look at basketball and SMC in the past 60 years.

In 1947 the Toronto Huskies put basketball on the map in Toronto. It was always a minor sport for Canadians. In 1948 the sod was broken at 1515 Bathurst Street, December 8 to be exact. I know because as the son of an old boy and a future student, I was recruited to do the honours here at St Michael’s and helped turn that sod.

In 1950 a brand new gym appeared — right at the beginning of the television age. As kids on Sundays we watched the great Nortown TriBells with stars like Freddy Thomas and Johnny Brathwaite cavort in the best gym in the city. On Saturday mornings, **Fr. Hod Marshall, C.S.B. '42** helped organize programs for Catholic kids in the parochial schools. Basketball was ready to get big.

A relatively simple game with three plays: give and go, pick and roll, screen away from the ball, are thousands of years old, and the reason why the Young Men’s Hebrew Association always had good teams. Sound fundamentals!

In the end, it, like all games, was an activity where adolescents learned to socialize and most important of all, develop friendships. At the best of times this has happened in this institution of St. Michael’s.

When we invest so much energy on the winning side of a scoreboard, we miss the many splendoured things: relationship and community. It was Blaise Pascal, the French religious philosopher-scientist, who spoke about the “twin impostors of success and failure.” They are both relative terms when speaking about sport. If we concentrate on the essence of sport, each season should be “successful.”

When I look around this room I see enough evidence in my own life about the enduring facts of both relationship and community and I am sure others can make the same claim.

So let us be grateful for the post-war opportunity which was afforded us to come together on a hardwood floor in a Catholic school, to have taken away a friend or two, to have experienced a communion of sorts and on a holy ground called a court, celebrated that most important sacrament — friendship.

Times have radically changed from the time my generation of post-war and post-depression kids cavorted here. A tsunami of economic advancement has inevitably changed the culture in many deleterious ways. As Bertrand Russell said, “change is inevitable; progress is problematic.” Winning at all costs and personal glory in a team game should be “problematic” for all coaches of youth.

Let us hope that the young people who play here today continue to take away those imperishable gifts we did.

As we share a meal together, that most ancient ritual of communion which seems to have morphed into a fast food interlude, may we remember the wisdom of the poet Gwendolyn Brooks: “We are each other’s business; we are each other’s harvest; we are each other’s magnitude and bond.”

Ted Schmidt '57, along with brothers **Don '59**, **Larry '61** and **Paul '69**, all played basketball at St. Michael’s College School.



Some happy golfers

"...I sing of title, song and cheer." Our History Has the Stuff of Myth.

By Frank Kielty '54

In the long and richly written, pictorial and historical documentation of St. Michael's, there is also an element of myth, of legend that has taken root, and rightfully so, into the very fabric that endows the school with so much tradition. Some of these songs, cheers and name origins are lost in time and memory. What we attempt to achieve in this time capsule article is to revive and perhaps shed new meaning on those chants as told to us by alumni who were there and remember those long lost days of song and cheer. We solicit your memories in future articles.

Frank Kielty '54 recalls the origin of naming the school's senior football team, the *Kerry Blues*. In late 1952 Fr. Ted Flanagan C.S.B. '32 also known as "The Flan," was the Director of Athletics, and after visiting the repository of Catholic football tradition at University of Notre Dame, Indiana, he wanted to make the St. Mike's football team stand out with a distinctive name such as that of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

His solution was to approach the St. Michael's College School Quarterback Club, a strong support group of grads and parents, to sponsor a contest among the Catholic students of the city. In the 40's and 50's the St. Michael's football and hockey teams were frequently referred to as *The Irish* because many of their players were of Irish descent. Thus the new name had to incorporate the ideas of Irish, fight and blue. The name chosen from over three thousand entries was *Kerry Blues*.



The Kerry Blue Dog

The name was considered most appropriate. Kerry is one of the 32 counties of Ireland; the Kerry Blue is a breed of terrier and the national dog of Ireland; it has a shade of blue on its neck and is known all over the world for its terrific fight. Besides expressing these qualities, the Kerry Blue is famous as

a beautiful and high class show dog endowed with keen intelligence and tremendous courage.

The following season, as Frank reports, when the St. Michael's Senior Football Team took to the field on Friday, September 11, 1953 in Windsor, Ontario against Assumption High School, "I had the good fortune to quarterback the original 1953 *Kerry Blues*. The *Kerry Blues* would go on to win not only the 1953 and 1954 conference championships, the last of five consecutive titles. The football program continues to be among the finest in Ontario."

Frank's boys, **Brendan '82**, **Patrick '85**, **Kevin '86** and **John '98**, all played for the *Kerry Blues*, a fine family tradition.



The Kerry Blues Football team

There is yet another element of folk-lore, a chant often misspelled and ill-pronounced and that is the *Hoikety Choik*.

Frank Kielty remembers "when I was in Grade 9 at the old school on Bay St., we had to learn the words to the cheer, *Hoikety Choik* and the song *There's a Red Light on the Track for Boozer Brown*". Usually they accompanied one another with the song coming first. (*We print them both for your recall and memorization.*)

The cheer:

Hoikety Choik

Hoikety Choik on "C"

S-M-C

Hoikety Choik, Hoikety Choik,

Chalma, Chalma, Chee

Rickety, Rackety, Rickety, Rickety,

S-M-C

Cha Hee, Cha Ho, Cha Ha, Ha, Ha,

St. Mike's, St. Mike's,

Rha, Rha, Rha,

Yeah St. Mike's.

The song:

There's a Red Light on the Track for Boozer Brown

There's a red light on the track for

Boozer Brown, Boozer Brown

There's a red light on the track for

Boozer Brown

There's a red light on the track

It'll be there when we get back

There's a red light on the track for

Boozer Brown.

Refrain:

Singing chally ally ally ally a chally a

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*We're the boys from old St. Michael's
on the hill, Clover Hill.*

We're the wearers of the famous double blue.

There's no college in the land,

That could ever make a stand

Against the boys from dear old SMC.

Frank's recollection is that this song has been used by other college football teams. The St. Mike's version has two verses. "Since leaving St. Mike's, I have never encountered anyone who knew of the second verse."

The Clover Hill referred to is the section on the outskirts of early Toronto, where the school moved to in 1863, at Bay and St. Joseph Streets.

Gene Cuccia '52 comments that Fr. Flanagan, C.S.B. "taught the boys *Boozer Brown* and we sang it on the bus after hockey and football games."



Finally, how many remember *McNamara's Band*?

McNamara's Band

Oh my name is McNamara.

I'm the leader of the band.

*And 'tho we're few in number,
we're the finest in the land.*

*We play at wakes and weddings
and at every fancy ball,*

*And when we play at funerals,
we play the March of Saul.*

Chorus:

*Oh, the drums go bang, the cymbals clang,
the horns, they blaze away,*

*McCarthy pumps the old bazoon,
while I the pipes to play.*

Hennessey-Tennessey toddles the flute.

The music is something grand.

A credit to old Ireland is McNamara's band.

Da-da-da-da-da etc.

*Right now we are rehearsing
for a very swell affair*

*'Tis the annual celebration;
all the gentry will be there.*

*When General Grant to Ireland came,
he took me by the hand.*

*Says he, I never saw the likes of
McNamara's Band.*

Chorus:



Gerry McNamara '54 who came down from Falconbridge as a 15-year old in 1950-51 and coached by **John "Peanuts" O'Flattery '35**, remembers the Sunday afternoon double-headers at the Gardens and hearing *McNamara's Band* strike-up as the boys in double blue skated out on the ice. He feels that the players on early St. Mike's teams were mostly Irish. The song could have been a carry-over when other McNamara boys played in the 1930's.

Ted Lindsay '44, although not remembering those particular songs and cheers, does remember Paul McNamara, his coach. They had remained close friends up until Paul's death. "He was a class guy. The Basilians led by example. You didn't have to go to St. Mike's for five years to know that," said Ted.

We asked **Peter Grbac '08** what he remembers of these songs. He replied, "I have only heard the *Hoikety Choik*. I do know that the *Boozier Brown* song is a chant from the University of St. Michael's College sung at the annual 'Students vs. Alumni' homecoming football game. The first time I actually heard the *Hoikety Choik* was at the beginning of my school year in 2001. I had just started grade six and my brother **Daniel '07** was well immersed in his first year (grade seven) at St. Mike's. I remember one day, he came home after a football game (the *Kerry Blues* had obviously won) and told our entire family around the dinner table about the events of the afternoon. He talked about the impeccable passes, the great throws, *Bubbalou* getting the fans excited and all the students running onto the field after they had won. But it was the cheer he sang for us that caught my attention. It was a foreign language, a mish-mash of weird words, Rickety Rackety and Cha, Ha, Ha, Ha. There was a mysterious, magical and enchanting quality to the words. It spoke of school spirit, champions both on and off the field and the thick double blue blood that courses through the veins of all students of St. Michael's. I knew there and then that I wanted to come to St. Mike's".

The mystery still continues. The answer to the song's origin could well be found in the 1944 yearbook then called the *Thurible*. That year, the Majors were the OHA Junior A Finalists and had on their roster among others, **Ted McLean '44**, **Ted Lindsay '44**, **John McCormack '44**, **Jim Thomson '45**, **Maurice Sadler '44**, **Joe Sadler '44**, **Gus Mortson '44**, **Frank Dunlap '45**, **Dave Bauer '45**, **Gerry Gregoire '42**. **Fr. H. V. Mallon, C.S.B. '26** was the Director of Athletics; **Fr. V. McIntyre, C.S.B.** was the Principal; **Joe Carruthers** was the trainer. Above all, **Paul**

McNamara '40 at 22 was the youngest coach of any major team in the country. Truly, the team was not without an Irish element.

Fred Miller '42 and **Bob Hall '43**, the 1944 yearbook writers describe that the day of the final practice before the Oshawa series was a "mild March 17th. The green was sprouting everywhere and people were humming *McNamara's Band*." They go on to chronicle the game that elicited other familiar sights and sounds that make up our history. "Before the period ended **Dave Bauer** crossed the Oshawa blue line flanked by **Bobby Schnurr '44** and **Frank Dunlap**. Expecting a pass to the wing, the Oshawa defence was foiled and the artful Davey spurted past beating Bennett in the Oshawa nets. It was truly St. Mike's night to roar, and roar they did as the one time silent rafters echoed to the strains of the famed *Hoikety Choik* accompanied by the clang of a cow bell."

The Toronto press wrote a number of favourable comments on the team's success that year.

"When bouquets are handed out for coaching jobs this season, Paul McNamara's name should be well up on the list. The young fellow in his first effort has done a fine job." *Toronto Star*

"St. Michael's College Majors can be classed with the great teams that have come from the Bay Street seat of learning for they did a great job of readjusting to nip Galt 6-5 Saturday night to go one up in the best of five Junior playoff series." *Toronto Telegram*

Reading further in the 1944 yearbook, there is mention of the McNamara connection to St. Mike's that sheds light on the history behind the song. "Starting in prep school, **Paul McNamara '40** spent eight years at St. Michael's. He starred in the T.H.L., with the Buzzers and later with the Majors. He played left wing for St. Michael's Jr. A Champions in 1937-38. He comes from a strong hockey background. The noted brother act of which he was a member with his brother **George McNamara '40** found its countermark in the not too dim past when his father and late uncle starred together as the 'Dynamite Twins'."

Our hockey sleuths counted no less than eight McNamara's who played for the double blue since the 1930's. We solicit your comments of our past in song and cheer.

For the Love of the Game

By Ian Griffin '67

Of the many talented people that have gone through St. Mike's little is known of its tennis players and their contribution to the world. Ian Griffin has given some insights into those who have represented their province and country both on and off the court.



Paul Dignan, Billy MacDonell, and Terry McNally

"You make your lifelong friends in high school," Mrs. Neubauer told me in the 60's, when I used to play tennis with her son [Paul Neubauer '67](#).

I played even more with [Terry McNally '67](#); it wasn't easy in those days to find buddies who were interested in international hockey (We attended five of the games in the '72 Summit Series together). Looking back now, I think one of the reasons for my two suspensions at St. Mike's was either playing cards for money in the library or skipping out to play tennis.

I attended St. Mike's at a time when many high-quality tennis and squash players were at the school:

[Bill MacDonnell '69](#), [Sean McDonough '69](#), [Brian Mitchell '69](#), [Paul Morrison '68](#), [Ross Morrison '67](#), and [Dale Power '63](#) are ones that come to mind.

And we all were fortunate enough to get encouragement — and tennis games — from figures who would come to represent not just our sports but St. Mike's itself: [Paul Dignan '59](#) and [Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '58](#) were just beginning their long reigns as teachers and friends.

Paul and Ross Morrison, and I attended the University of Toronto Law School together in the early 70's. There, I played varsity tennis and squash. During that time, Paul spent four summers as a tennis professional at the then-fledgling Greenwin Tennis Club, two with Bill, then two more with me. For several years, the four of us played in the annual Christmas Day Squash Invitational at the "new" Granite Club on Bayview Avenue.

In 1975, Terry, our friend Don Hall and I formed a tennis company — which failed; but I stayed in the business. Terry spent two years as Executive Director at Tennis Canada before going on to Law School himself. Today, he's at Gowlings; Paul is at McCarthy-Tétrault and Ross has his own firm — Morrison Brown Sosnovitch. I spent 14 years as Tennis Director for the City of Beaumont (TX), six more at The Oakville Club, and the last nine years at the La Crosse (WI) Country Club.

Many of us are still in racquet sports: Bill is at the Cambridge Club; Brian is Business Manager at York Racquets, Dale is the Head Tennis Professional at Thornhill Country Club.

[Dale Power](#) has earned a well deserved reputation as a tennis player, teacher and coach. He began his tennis career winning the 1967 Canadian National Junior Championship. He played singles and doubles for the Oklahoma City University tennis team and

was inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Following university, Dale was a seven-time member of the Canadian Davis Cup team and the Canadian Singles and Doubles Champion in 1979. He was ranked in the top five singles players for twelve years and ranked the number one player in Canada 1979 and 1982. Dale then toured internationally on the A.T.P. professional circuit for ten years. He was a former assistant Davis Cup coach for two years and served as National Touring Coach for three years.

Brian Mitchell played varsity tennis at Oklahoma City University; **Terry McNally** played Varsity tennis at the University of Toronto and **Bill MacDonnell** played varsity squash at Penn State.

For **Sean McDonough**, St. Mike's Athlete of the Year in 1969, tennis started at the age of eight when he first met Bill MacDonnell and Brian Mitchell and we played competitively. Sean remembers when he entered St. Mike's and played hockey, football and track, he only had time to play at St. Mike's and Wanless Park where Terry McNally, another Blessed Sacrament student, was his partner. After graduation, Sean attended Loyola College in Montreal where he played for the varsity hockey team and graduated in 1972. He got a break after spending a year at the University of St. Michael's College improving his marks in Chemistry and was accepted into the University of Western Ontario Dental School. His second break came when he introduced himself to the squash coach, Jack Fairs, now 85 years old, at Western. Sean says, "They were the best teams in Canada and when he found out I was a former hockey player at St. Mike's, he gathered me in." From 1974-77, Sean won the Ontario University Athletic Association championship. "I would never have gone to Coach Fairs without my St. Mike's background in tennis and the five years most influencing years I spent at the school where I learned how to balance the gifts of mental, physical and spiritual health." Sean is still active in squash having won four national singles championships, 13 Ontario doubles championships, two U.S. national championships and three world doubles. He proudly concludes that his third big break came when he married Beatrice. They have three children: Conor, 26 in his fourth year of Dentistry



Ian Griffin '67

University of Toronto, Erin, 24, a teacher, Patrick, 22 first year Dentistry at the University of Detroit Mercy. Sean lives in Burlington, Ontario where he has practiced dentistry for 31 years. His final words bear much fruit: "When people comment on the school being great for sports, I say you should see the play; you should see the band; you should listen to the debaters, and you should meet the Ontario scholars."

Bill MacDonnell '69 went from the tennis courts at St. Mike's to the University of Pennsylvania from 1969-73 on a scholarship in hockey and tennis. Before this, in 1967 he was ranked number 2 in junior tennis and squash. In 1968 he represented Canada in tennis and in 1980-82 he equaled the feat in squash. On his return to Canada in 1973 he played with Dale Power and, together, were ranked number 1 in Canadian Doubles. He later played on the Pro Tennis Circuit with Dale and **Greg Halder '68**, "a great St. Mike's player", comments, Bill. He goes on to tell the story of how **Paul Morrison**, a 1968 St. Michael's Athlete of the Year got involved in tennis. Paul, like Bill, attended the University of Pennsylvania on a hockey scholarship. When Paul returned to Toronto in 1975 to study law at the University of Toronto, Bill, who was working at the Greenwin Apartment Complex at Davis and Yonge Street, hired him as his tennis assistant for two years. Later, Ian Griffin became the pro and Paul stayed with him for two more years. Paul is a lawyer with McCarthy-Tétrault in Toronto and still plays recreational tennis.

With his business partner, Clive Caldwell, Bill owns four Health and Fitness Clubs (The Cambridge Club, The Toronto Athletic Club, The Adelaide Club and the MAA Montreal Armature Athletic Club). He still keeps in touch with Terry McNally, Paul, his brother Ross, Ian, Sean and Dale.

In the words of Ian, "Tennis has been a constant in our lives, but more than that, it has been a vehicle for the friendships and values that we learned at St. Mike's. Bill, Brian, Sean, Dale and I all were present last November at the Turkey Roll and Buzzers Reunion. Terry regularly invites me to Leaf games. Whenever I have been asked what my biggest accomplishment was, I always reply that we have all remained friends. Mrs. Neubauer was right."

*They are known for their off and on ice antics, their skating prowess, their love of the game, but most of all their love for God, each other and the world communities they entertain. Together they have raised more than four million dollars for worthy causes and along the way have brought the Christian message to countless laughing people. They even have a crest initiated by **Fr. John Caswell '55**, a humorous drawing of a priest looking up surprisingly at the halo above his head. These are the Flying Fathers who have barnstormed the U.S., Canada, the Northwest Territories and Europe in their 40 years of play. St. Michael's alumni, both as priests and ringers, have been well represented on this special God's squad. Most play on their vacation time and have to drive or "fly" many distances, play their games and return to their parishes scattered around the province to attend to their "flocks".*

"Swede" McLean '53, Pat Gravelle '45, Fr. Ted McLean, C.S.B. '44, Fr. Ted Mahoney '44, Greg Teskey '56, Mike Brady '54, Fr. Paul Lennon '48, Jerry Toppazzini '54, Fr. Brian Sweeney '59, Bill Lee '50 and Fr. Dave Bauer, C.S.B.'45.

They come from places like Campbell's Bay, Quebec, Chatham and Moncton, New Brunswick, Digby, Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Armprior, Windsor, Pembroke, Detroit, Belleville, Timmins, and Sault Ste. Marie some travelling all night to play one night stands across Ontario and Canada. And of course, they fly when they travel beyond the border to such places as Anchorage, Alaska, Fort Worth, Texas, South Bend, Indiana, Dawson Creek, B.C., Amherst, Nova Scotia, Labrador City, Newfoundland, Lahr, West Germany.

Still Flying High on a Wing

Fr. Les Costello '47– A Gliding Light

Perhaps the man who most recently epitomizes the style of *The Flying Fathers* is Fr. Vaughan Quinn O.M.I., the editor of *The Flying Fathers Gazette*, the current spokesman and the 74-year old comic guardian of the net. "We always win," says he, "because we cheat and God's on our side." Fr. Quinn openly admits, "I am an ex-CIA- Catholic Irish Alcoholic." He was born in Montreal and was the son of a locally revered physician. By his late teens he was an accomplished football, hockey star and Golden Gloves boxer. He has done more. In 1967 he created Detroit's Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center for alcoholics, one of the largest in the U.S.

Players connected to St. Mike's have included: **Dan Bagley '73, Jack Costello '58, Fr. Les Costello '47, Dick Duff '55** (Munich 1972) **Fr. Bob Holmes C.S.B. '54, Fr. Bill "Skinner" Scanlon '48, Monsignor John Caswell '55, Fr. Rocco Volpe C.S.B. '48, Pete Vallely '49, Fr. Don**

They have played for Disabled Children, Children's Aid, the Blind, Church Organizations and Children's Camps and more.

Rightfully so, the heart and soul of *The Flying Fathers* for many years was the late **Fr. Les "Costie" Costello '47**. He, along with Fr. Brian McKee and **Fr. Bill Scanlon '48**, was the brainchild of the original team formed in 1962. Born in 1928 in South Porcupine, Ontario, Fr. Les moved to Toronto to play for the Majors and was on two Memorial Cups in 1945 and 1947. In 1948, he turned pro with the Toronto Maple Leafs, scoring two goals and two assists in the final game and adding a Stanley Cup to his Memorial Cup wins.

There are many stories told of this man from the North, some are the stuff of legend. One tale, true mind you, tells of the time "Costie" went partridge hunting, got lost, fell into a beaver swamp, lost his boot and to keep warm, made a "shoe out of my hunting bag, put the bird inside

and walked on it.” If you knew the man, that’s just how he would tell it. He later ate the bird and declared, “It wasn’t bad.” That bush experience left him minus eight toes. He and his flying troupe became international stars to the extent that Francis Ford Coppola paid \$15,000 for movie rights to his story. They were even featured in *Ripley’s Believe It Or Not* and have been guests on *Hockey Night in Canada*, *Man Alive* and *Front Page Challenge*.

Another recorded story is one that took place on a tour of Europe. The team was granted an audience with Pope Paul VI, (how they got there is another adventure), and presented him with an autograph hockey stick. Fr. Costello told the Pope “the blade is for the slap shots, Holy Father, and the handle is to stir your spaghetti.” It was the same Costello who was heard saying after opposition players sometimes found themselves flat out on the ice. “It’s better to give than to receive.”

On December 14, 1983 *The Flying Fathers* took their act to St. Michael’s College School Arena where they played a benefit game against N.H.L. old-timers and members of the media. The occasion was in support of Jocelyn Lovell,

Flying Father Trivia:

Number of Games Played – 907

Number of games won – 900

Most games in one day – four (three high schools and one All Star Team)

Busiest Tour – eight games in seven days (Newfoundland)

Most money raised in one game – \$240,000 (Toronto)

Largest game crowd – 15,369 (Vancouver)

Fr. Les summed it up best “When we play these games everyone wins. We have to play, families are together, charities are supported, and laughter soothes the body and soul. Save the family and you save the world.”

His ministry and that of his fellow priests and “ringers” was on and off the ice. His memory continues on a wing and a prayer.

and a Prayer

Canada’s Athlete of the Year in 1975, and its foremost cyclist for more than a decade. He was paralyzed after being struck by a truck while training on a rural highway. Along with Gordie Howe, Eddie Shack, Jim McKenny, Ron Ellis, Don Cherry, Red Storey and Andy Bathgate, to name a few, St. Michael’s alumni were represented by **Frank Mahovlich ’57**, **Dave Dryden ’61**, **Dan Bagley ’73**, and of course **Fr. Les Costello ’47**.

The score doesn’t matter.

Like us, they too have a song:

We play the game of hockey
and prove to everyone

That you can have religion
and still can have some fun.

We’re playing and we’re praying
and we’re doing what we should.

And even when we give out checks,
we give out brotherhood.



Laughter soothes the body and soul...

In Memoriam

Fr. Frank Mallon, C.S.B. '23 one of the oldest Catholic priests in Canada and the oldest member of the Basilian congregation, passed away on June 13, 2007 at the age of 101. He was the last surviving member of the family of John F. and Catherine Teresa Mulvey Mallon. Fr. Frank was one of several children, three of whom including **Fr. Hugh, C.S.B. '26**, were ordained to the Basilian order.

Ken Dudzinski, a popular and dedicated science teacher from 1971-95, died peacefully at his home on June 29, 2008. Through his curious and adventurous spirit, Ken shared with everyone his fascination of natural science. Ken is fondly remembered and loved by his wife, Heather, children Karen (Chris), David (Jennifer), Rebecca (Tim), grandchildren Turner, Hannah, Isabelle, Zoe, Maya, Alexander, Sienna, parents, Mary and Henry, sister Kathryn and brother Joseph and many friends. A funeral mass was held at St. Basil's Church on July 4.

Fr. Lawrence Faye, C.S.B. '42, died peacefully at Providence Health Care Centre, Toronto, July 25, 2008 after a long illness. He received his primary education at St. Michael's School on Bond Street and graduated from St. Michael's College School in 1942. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate and professed his first vows in 1943. Fr. Larry taught English and Mathematics in Windsor, Saskatoon and at St. Michael's College School in Toronto. In 1969 he received a Master of Arts degree in Counselling and Guidance from Notre Dame University and was later awarded a Ph.D from the same university in Counselling Psychology. He pursued post doctoral studies at C.G. Jung Institute in Houston and later in Zürich Switzerland. In 1983 he moved to St. Michael's College School and became the National Director of the Marian Movement of Priests for English-speaking Canada. He is survived by two brothers, Francis and Gordon and predeceased by brothers, Martin, Edward, Alfred, Howard, John and sisters Helen, Irene, and Vivian.

Dr. Leonard John 'Jack' Sullivan '40, a close friend of the Basilian Fathers, peacefully passed away on Sunday, August 17th, 2008 in his 86th year. Jack was a graduate of St. Michael's College School, the University of St. Michael's College and the University of Toronto Medical School. He completed his residency and fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City and returned to Toronto where he practiced medicine and was Chief of Urology for many years at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto.

Please also remember classmates and friends

Marguerite Frances Morrison, wife of the late Paul Morrison '41, mother of Ross '67, Paul '68 and Claude '71; Mary Flanagan mother of Patrick '63, Michael '64 and John '73; Francesco Antonio Gagliardi, father of Joe Gagliardi '80; Rita Amatangelo, mother of Michael '12; Andrew Hahirny, father of Roman '00, Adrian '03, Peter '10; Julia Storus, mother of Tim '73, Paul '76 and Greg '80; Steven Hamel, nephew of Fr. Guy Hamel '53; Gerard L. Lapeer '67; Ricard Pegis '53 brother of Charlie Pegis '51; John Benedict O'Flaherty '35; Maria Di Pinto, mother of Nick DiPinto '67; John (J.B.) Robitaille '56; Gloria Odette, wife of Ed Odette '44

John Benedict "Peanuts" O'Flaherty '35

passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and loved ones at the age of 90 on July 16, 2008. He leaves his wife Catherine of 68 years. Loving and proud father of Patricia (Ian), Sharon, John Jr. (Shelia), William (Patti), Gerry (Mary), Michael, Terry, Maryanne (Todd) and his special son Paul. "Peanuts" had a rich life, well known in the hockey world for almost six decades as a player, coach, chief scout of the Vancouver Canucks and member of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame. He played on the 1934-35 Buzzers when they won the All Ontario Championship. In 1951-52 he coached both the OHA Major A team and the St. Mike's Senior A Team, The Monarchs, of which he was also a player. He earned his legendary nickname, "Peanuts" because he would sell snacks at Maple Leaf Gardens. John was a strong community man who volunteered countless hours with the Knights of Columbus and the Etobicoke Association for Community Living. He was a founding member of St. Gregory's Parish, Etobicoke and a lifetime usher. His vitality, humour and great love of singing will be missed by all who knew him.



John Benedict "Peanuts" O'Flaherty '35

The St. Michael's community is saddened by the passing of all alumni and friends. We strive to publish all death notices as soon as we receive them and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our obituaries. Please help us keep your loved ones in the school's prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at advancement@smcsmail.com or phone 416-653-3180 x 458.

Where Are They Now?

1950's

Al Hinnegan '57 writes that it has been 50 years since he has touched base with St. Mike's. He remembers recently looking through the 1956-57 yearbooks and seeing **John McCusker '57** as a "skinny little red head with the Elvis haircut" and **Don Organ '57**. The following year he finished his schooling at Chatham and then west to the University of Michigan on a hockey scholarship. After his degree, he entered the University of Western Ontario Law School and coincidentally lived a few blocks from Don. He returned to practice law in Chatham for 20 years and in 1998 he moved back to Toronto where he lives in the Beaches.

1970's

Edward Olkovich '70 relates that his writing career began when former Basilian, Fr. Neil Smith, C.S.B. allowed him to create his own special English programme in grade 13. He was to write a number of essays analyzing various books: *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, *Siddhartha*, *The Trial*, and *Old Man and the Sea*, to name a few. He felt the "since I was editor of the school newspaper, writing was my future." Ed moved on to the University of St. Michael's College where **Jim Lahey '69** and **John O'Grady '69** invited him to become the editor of the *SMC Journal*. He did that and the freshman handbooks for two years before deciding that law was a better career. He has his own firm, Edward Olkovich Law Professional Corporation and was an instructor for the Bar Admissions Course in Estate Planning and Administration, Business of Law and Taxation. Ed is a certified specialist in Trusts & Estates Law and sits on the specialist board for the Law Society.

Andrew Rasiulis '74 completed his undergraduate study in Political Science/History at the University of Toronto in 1978 and received his Master of Arts from the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, in Strategic Studies in 1979. In 1979 he was appointed a commissioned officer in the Canadian Forces Primary Reserve (Governor General's Foot Guards). He joined the Department of National Defence in 1979 as an analyst with the Directorate of Strategic Analysis, specializing in strategic politico-military issues which included emerging concepts of conventional defence strategies for Western Europe, as well as the Canadian Government's efforts in the area of conventional arms control. In 1987 he was also the Department of National Defence representative on NATO's High Level Task Force

(HLTF) for conventional arms control. In June 1989 he was posted as a Defence Advisor to the Canadian Delegation for Conventional Arms Control Talks in Vienna. Upon completion of his tour he returned to National Defence Headquarters in April 1992 as Section Head responsible for policy on Central and Eastern Europe, including the Department's Military Training and Assistance Program (MTAP) with Central and Eastern Europe. In May 1996, Andrew was also assigned the responsibility of Programme Manager for the entire MTAP. He was subsequently designated as Director, Military Training Assistance Programme (and Eastern European Policy) in 1998. Andrew's MA thesis, *On the Utility of War in the Nuclear Age*, developed a theory on limited conventional war. It was subsequently published as a Wellesley Paper in 1981 by the Canadian Institute for International Affairs and the Canadian Institute for Strategic Studies. He has also published numerous articles on conventional strategy and arms control.

Tom Walsh '75 writes that he has successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis at Guelph University and is back in Jakarta working on a CIDA project. He finds it difficult being a hockey dad in Indonesia so he has turned to soccer in support of his 11-year old son, Gary.

Dino Giuliano '79 has long been in the food service industry and recently opened a Boston Pizza franchise at Major Mackenzie and Woodbine Avenue. Dino remains in contact with **Peter Oliver '79** and many classmates. He resides in Richmond Hill with his wife Rose and family. He welcomes the SMC community.

Joe Lee '79 is working for the Toronto District School Board and is currently enjoying a "four over five" and furthering his travel "addiction of visiting 89 countries and counting." He had a St. Mike's white water rafting reunion in Chile with **Rob Wright '79**, **John Amodeo '79** and **Tony Formusa '79**. Joe just completed three months of travel and even got to Antarctica. For him, "life has been good and I hope to see you at the Turkey Roll."

1980's

Louie Cianfarani '81 has been working at Apotex Inc. (Canada's largest generic pharmaceutical company) for 18 years as Accounting Manager for its U.S. Division. His son, **Robert '09** is at St. Mike's and his brother

Tony '89 and nephew, **Vincent Accardo '05** are grads. Louie lives in Etobicoke with his wife Silvana and son, Alexander, hopefully another future SMC grad.

Jack Czarnota '86 writes that having squeaked by in St. Mike's he went to McGill along with **Mark Zownir '86** and **Marcello Ausenda '86**. From there he did a MSc at the London School of Economics and over the last 17 years has worked at several U.S. investment banks including JP Morgan-Chase, BNP Paribas and Solomon Brothers which turned into Citigroup. As a "lazy fast talker, it was appropriate that I ended up in the junk bond department. Ironically, that's where I met Mark Zownir." They enjoyed talking about their SMC days since Mark always got the inside scoop from his brother **Jeff '88**, a teacher at the school. **Fr. Brian Higgins, C.S.B. '45** married Jack and his wife Catherine and always found it amusing that "someone with a 42% in math could be so successful in the finance business." In January 2008, Jack took voluntary redundancy and, while still based in London, he now concentrates on raising money for pediatric epilepsy related charities since his five-year old son, Luke, suffers from it.

Michael Furtado '86 has lived in London, England for over 10 years. After graduating from St. Mike's he attended the University of Western Ontario and Osgoode Hall Law School. He practiced law in Toronto for several years before moving to London, England to join Clifford Chance's International Securitisation group. After spending several years at Clifford Chance, Michael moved onto the investment banking side joining Deutsche Bank where he spent a number of years across various positions in their Integrated Credit Trading, CDO and Global Credit Derivative groups. He then moved to RBC Capital Markets as Head of UK Structured Credit Products Sales. Michael joined Bank of America's Global Structured Products Sales group in early 2007 and is currently responsible for selling credit products to institutional investors in the UK, Ireland and Scandinavia. Michael lives in South Kensington, London and is happily married to Ingrid, originally from Cape Town, South Africa. Until recently, he played hockey for the London Devils (one of two international ice hockey teams in London) and played in tournaments in Russia, Norway and the UK. He would be delighted to hear from his 1986 classmates or other St. Mike's alumni. His e-mail is mxfurtado@googlemail.com.

Stephen Fullan '87, a graduate of Ryerson University, worked for Bell Canada and later took a job in London England where he has been living for the past 11 years. He met his wife, Sarka from the Czech Republic, while

working in Rome. He did his MBA at ESC (Ecole Superior de Commerce) in Grenoble, "a fantastic experience which allowed me to ski every weekend." He is presently working at Nortel as Network Migration Prime at its European Headquarters in Maidenhead, UK. He played Division III hockey reaching the National Finals with the Haringey Greyhounds. In the off-season he also plays baseball for the Croydon Pirates of the British Baseball League which has won the National title two times and placed third in European competition. He is now player-manager for the Great Britain Men's Fast Pitch Softball team which recently qualified for the 2009 World Championships in Saskatoon.

1990's

Nicolas Severino '93. After St. Mike's, Nicolas went on to graduate from the University of St. Michael's College. He has since successfully opened two family-owned and operated California Sandwiches restaurants, located at Weston Road and Highway 7 and one at Dufferin and Eglinton. Each year, Nicolas hosts a Spring Dinner Dance and a Fall Golf Classic with the proceeds being donated to the Hospital for Sick Children. His doors are always open to SMC grads.

2000's

Matthew Storus '02 is entering the Master of Architecture program at Harvard University. He is a graduate of the University of Waterloo, School of Architecture and has worked on award-winning architectural projects in Canada and internationally.

Michael Levine '03 is now training to become an investment advisor at BMO Nesbitt Burns.

Mark Storus '04 is entering the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering program at Stanford University, California. He is a winner of a 2008 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada award. He recently graduated from Queen's University earning the University Medal for the highest average in Computer Engineering. Their dad, **Timothy Storus '73** is the VP General Counsel at The Equitable Trust Company and has returned with his son **Andrew Storus '13** from a successful summer trip to Boston and California. Their mom, Luba Mycak, a Chartered Accountant at the Ministry of Finance, was a Grade 7 Class Parent Representative this past school year and looks forward to participating in the Parents' Association again this year.

Around St. Mike's



John David Burnes '06

Alumnus Represents St. Mike's at Olympics

Congratulations to Queen's University student and St. Michael's College School class of 2006 graduate, **John David Burnes '06** for proudly representing Canada at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. Burnes faced a great deal of adversity when he arrived in Beijing as he was struck with a bout of appendicitis that saw him spend a few days there in a hospital. Despite the setback, Burnes went on to participate in team and singles Archery competition. Congratulations.



Greg Kelly '82

St. Michael's Buzzers Hire New Coach

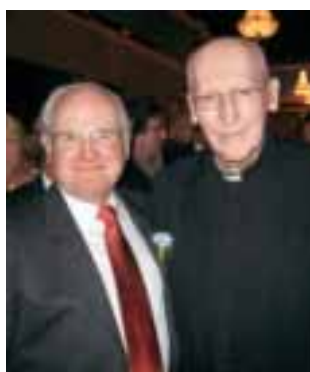
This summer saw a change in the coaching staff of the St. Michael's Buzzers. The Buzzers welcome new head coach **Greg Kelly '82**. Kelly was most recently Head Coach for the Toronto Young Nats Bantam and Midget AAA programs as well as the Don Mills Flyers. He spent two seasons in the Junior Elite Division (J20/J18) in the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation. Kelly also had a tenure as Director of Marketing for the OHL's St. Michael's Majors. Congratulations to former head coach **Rich Ricci '88** who has accepted an Assistant Coach and GM role with the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League. Ricci will team up with **Chris De Piero '87** who was recently named Head Coach and GM.



Friends reunite

Buzzers Fall Golf Classic

On September 18th, at the Kleinburg Golf and Country Club, the St. Michael's Buzzers held their 6th annual St. Michael's Buzzers Fall Classic golf tournament. It was a great day had by all. Thanks go out to the many volunteers and supporters of this annual event.



Dan Prendergast and
Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B.



Alumni guest speakers



Buzzers Grads celebrate

Alumni Chapters

It has long been the Alumni Association's intent to establish Alumni Chapters. We realize that many grads do meet and associate with one another through work and play. We would like to be informed of your gatherings so that others may be brought together to share their time at St. Michael's with you. We are looking for grads to organize alumni chapters in your region. Please contact Stephanie Gough at 416-653-3180 x 273 or e-mail gough@smcsmail.com.

Toronto:

Chris Bingham '83 who did a fantastic job in bringing together over 80 grads at the Turkey Roll can be reached at 416-424-4231 or accessoffice@sympatico.ca.

Michael Levine '03, michael.levine@live.ca and **Sean Kavanaugh '03**, kavikaze@hotmail.com

Ottawa:

John McCusker '57 at 613-825-9844 or email jmccusker@on.aibn.com. John informs us that the last meeting of the rapidly growing Ottawa Chapter was on June 7, 2008 with 14 alumni in attendance. **Noël Price '55** and **Greg Kulas '51** introduced new members, **George Neilson '54** and **Gerry Naggy '53** to the gathering. Also, **George Kokich '59** submitted a couple of new names, **Ralph Scandiffio '59** and **Joe Stalmach '59**. Congratulations were extended to Noël on his election to the Sudbury Hall of Fame and his earlier induction into the American Hockey League Hall of Fame. **Joe Dietrich '52**, resident ex-teacher, has offered his farm for the next meeting. **Jimmy Bruce '58**, noted by John as one of SMC's all time basketball players, will soon be added to the Ottawa Chapter along with **Glenn Wright '67**, **Paul Harris '46** and **Michael Bourke '58**. The Ottawa Chapter boasts of 25 members and growing.

British Columbia:

Harold Moffatt '53, 21-11355 Cottonwood Drive, Maple Ridge, B.C. at 604-466-9229, or e-mail halalbc@uniserve.com or **Paul Halligan '56**, at 604-936-0031 or e-mail paulhalligan@shaw.ca.

Windsor-Detroit:

Joe Vernon '98 (vernon@millercanfield.com) has been busy on both sides of the border. An alumni get-together was held in Royal Oak, Michigan with Joe, his brother **Alex '94**, **Mario Iozzo '96**, and **Quinton Deklerk '95**. All four were teammates on St. Mike's Blue Harriers and Blue Mercury cross country and track and field teams. Many stories of past glories were told, and re-told. Joe, **Dan Lumsden '96**, **Frank Lamie '98**, and **John Walsh '73** were also able to recount tales from Kerry Blues lore when they attended a Michigan-Notre Dame football game in the Fall. They are hoping to get a larger contingent together this year. There have been talks about a round of golf including **Drake Turcott '82**, who lives across the street from **Peter Steiner '78** in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Mario Iozzo just completed his teaching degree at the University of Windsor and also won the Detroit Half Marathon in October. He was thrilled to run stride for stride with legendary Ethiopian marathoner, Haile Gebrselassie, for a significant portion of the race. Joe recently served a term on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers of Windsor Essex and was just named President of the Windsor Lancers Touchdown Club, the alumni arm of the University of Windsor's football program. After playing football for the Laurier Golden Hawks during his undergraduate years, Joe played two years for the Lancers during law school. He now practices on both sides of the border with *Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone*, with his office in Detroit, Michigan. Alex Vernon celebrated the birth of his second daughter this past year. Alex currently resides in Windsor and works as an immigration lawyer in Detroit, Michigan. **Kurt Downes '97** has also settled down in the area after completing his teaching degree at the University of Windsor. He currently teaches and was recently named the Sprints/Hurdles coach for the Ontario Summer Games. Joe would love to hear from any alumni who may be passing through the Windsor/Detroit area.

Chicago, Illinois:

We welcome **Jim Reath '90** of Y&R Chicago, as our new Chicago Alumni Chapter contact at 312-596-3132, 312-307-6543 or jim.reath@yr.com.

Niagara Peninsula:

Anthony Marentic '99 at 905-650-7253, 416-457-2146 or anthonymarentic@hotmail.com.

Dubai-United Arab Emirates:

Wiz Khayat '96, wkhayat.mba2005@ivey.ca,
Paul Greven '90, p_j_greven@hotmail.com.

London, UK

Jack Czarnota '86 at 44-7867-780-909 or email jackczarnota@aol.com. We welcome Jack as our U.K. representative. He informs us that **Marcello Ausenda '86** having left London is now working in Bermuda but **Francesco Lamanna '86**, **Mike Furtado '86** and **Francis Crispino '84** are now working in London.



Proud St. Mike's men



St. Mike's staff celebrate a round of golf



Friends for life

October '08	November '08	December '08
1 – 10 Thanksgiving Food Drive	4 Parents' Association Meeting	2 Parents' Association Meeting
7 Parents' Association Meeting	11 Remembrance Day Service	4 Advent Mass
9 Academic Awards Night	20 Fashion Show	4 Christmas in the Courtyard
17 – 18 Junior Volleyball Tournament	26 – 27 Music Concert	10 – 19 Christmas Exams
23 Open House	28 Alumni Turkey Roll	18 2008 Alumni Dinner
24 – 25 Senior Volleyball Showcase Tournament		Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays
28 Open House (Prospective Students & Families)		
January '09	February '09	March '09
5 Classes Resume	3 Parents' Association General Meeting	3 Parents' Association Meeting
6 Parents' Association Meeting	17 – 20 Broadway Musical	16 – 27 March Break
7 – 9 Gr. 8 Camp Wanakita		30 Classes Resume
April '09	May '09	June '09
7 Parents' Association Meeting	5 Parents' Association Meeting	1 – 12 Exams
15 – 16 Alumni Visits to Gr. 12 Classes	8 Club Blue Note	11 Parents' Association Meeting
18 Annual Dinner Dance	25 Alumni Golf Tournament	18 Gr. 8 Graduation
29 – 30 Music Concert	26 Year End Mass	20 Spring Reunion 1999-2008
		22 – 23 Welcome Day
		25 Gr. 12 Graduation
		Jun. 29 – Jul. 3 St. Michael's Basketball Camp

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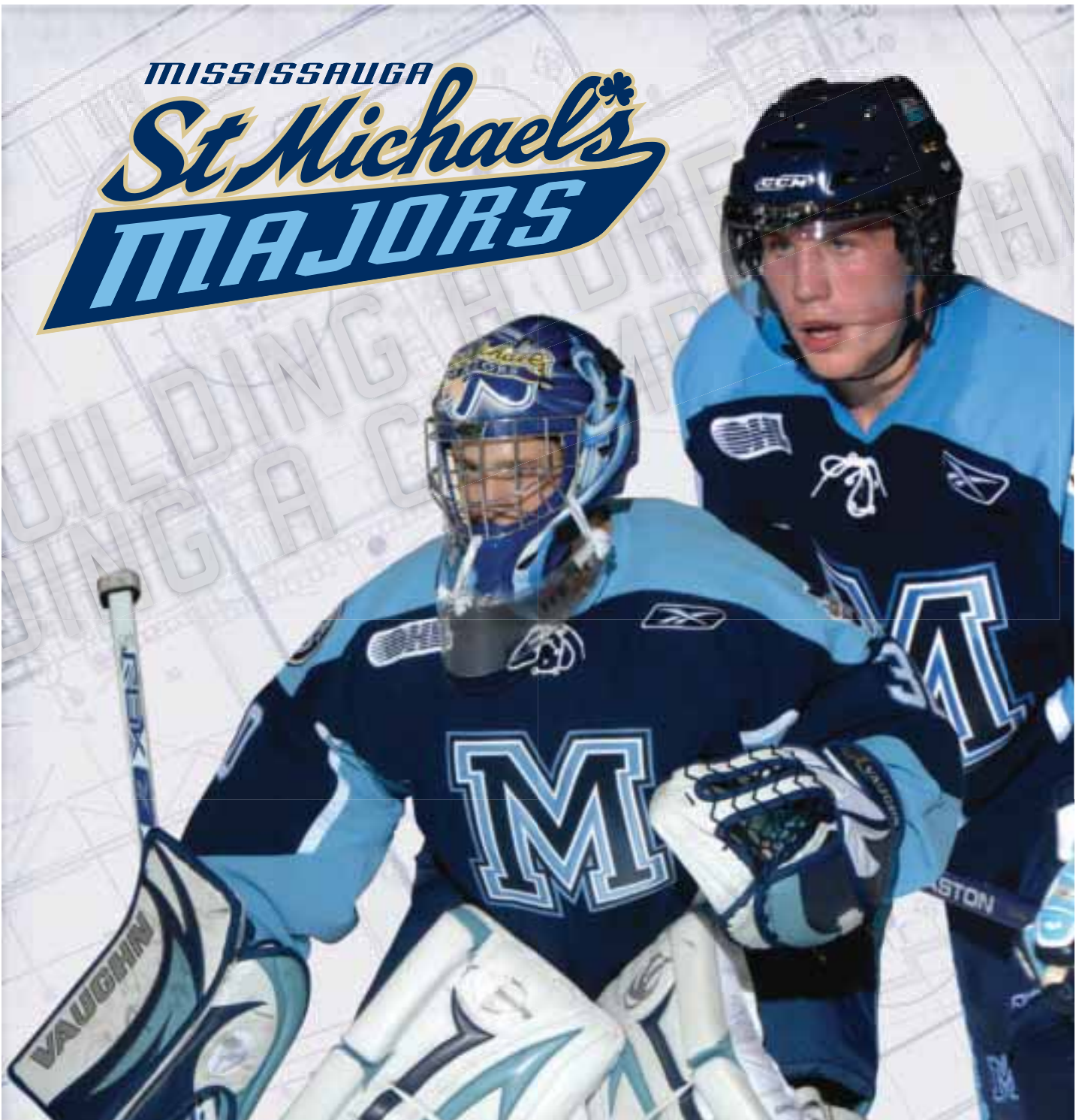
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WED. NOV. 12th 1:00 PM



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FRI. NOV. 21st 7:30 PM



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FRI. FEB. 13th 7:30 PM



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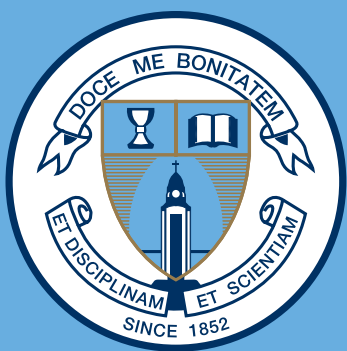
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